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SUBJECT: GHANA'S CHANGING KOREAN POSITION

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1. JAPANESE FIRST SECRETARY SUZUKI CALLED ON EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICERS AUGUST 6 TO RECOUNT HIS AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH MFA'S SENIOR PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OTOO ON THE KOREAN ISSUE. DURING THIS MEETING OTOO INDICATED THAT WHILE THE GOG FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO ALTER ITS POSITION ON THE KOREAN QUESTION, BECAUSE OF ITS DESIRE TO SEE THE DPRK AND THE ROK RESUME THEIR DIALOGUE, IT WILL EARNESTLY CONSIDER ANY NEW PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD DURING THE FORTHCOMING NON-ALIGNED NATIONS CONFERENCES.

2. SUZUKI, WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING, SAID THAT WHILE OTOO DID NOT COME OUT AND SAY THE GOG WAS GOING TO MODERATE ITS POSITION, BOTH HE AND THE AMBASSADOR GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS WAS WHAT OTOO WAS SAYING TO THEM. NO EFFORT WAS MADE TO PIN OTOO DOWN, HOWEVER.

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3. COMMENT: WHILE OTOO WAS NOT AS FORTHCOMING WITH THE JAPANESE

AS HE WAS WITH CHARGE, HE WAS ESSENTIALLY GIVING THEM THE SAME MESSAGE (SEE REF A). THUS IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE GOG WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE ITS PUBLIC POSTURE ON KOREA. HOWEVER, THIS CHANGE WILL BE MADE CAREFULLY. THE GOG DOES NOT WANT TO BE ATTACKED BY OTHER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, AND WILL ACT ONLY IN CONCERT WITH THIRD WORLD MODERATES. LINEHAN

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